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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHOD OF UPGRADING BIOMASS,  
UPGRADED BIOMASS, BIOMASS WATER  
SLURRY AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
SAME, UPGRADED BIOMASS GAS, AND  
METHOD OF GASIFYING BIOMASS

Examiner: B. A. Ridley

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2008, and subject to the approval of the Examiner, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.